



Newsletter 7 2017-18

Friday 13th October 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around JIS:

A few calendar updates and changes to make note of:

- 1) **Parent Teacher conferences** will take place on Monday 30th October and Thursday 2nd November. A letter has been sent home for you to complete your preferred dates. Please send this back to school so that teachers can compile the schedule and then confirm with everybody.
- 2) **Sports day** has now been confirmed with the HKEDU stadium as Friday 8th December from 1- 3pm. The whole school will be joining in the events and school buses will be re-directed to leave from the stadium, not school. For new parents, the sport stadium is close by the school on Yau King Lane – leading to Science Park and Providence Bay
- 3) **Halloween** – Parade and dress up day on Tuesday 31st October, with popcorn on sale from ESSPA at morning recess.

Dress Casual Day

Many thanks to all the students and families who supported the Hong Kong Community Chest dress casual day on Thursday. For the enjoyment of wearing our own clothes we have raised \$ 3, 676 towards the work of the Community Chest. Well done to everyone who got involved.

P5 at Dim Sum lunch in Tai Po

The P5 Mandarin group went out for lunch on Wednesday to practice their Mandarin skills in the context of ordering a meal at a restaurant. The ordering went smoothly and the food was apparently delicious as we had a procession of students with indigestion due to 'over eating' in the office at 1:15pm!



ESSPA lunch – P6 charity – Hong Kong Dog Rescue

The students of P6 have chosen Hong Kong Dog rescue as their nominated charity this year and around \$1,000 will be sent off, as proceeds from their lunch. ESSPA has this year agreed to donate 50% of all lunch proceeds to a charity with the other 50% going towards ESSPA's own fundraising initiatives. ESSPA have set themselves a target of raising \$35, 000 this year to buy another set of ipads for the students to use.

ESSPA donations to school resources 2017-18

We are delighted to announce that ESSPA funds have been used to buy a range of resources already this year for the staff and students to use. ESSPA have kindly bought 15 new ipads, spent \$16, 000 on specific resources for classrooms and have agreed to fund the new school sports strip for JIS teams to wear at football and/or rugby events. These very useful donations have come from a range of the ESSPA activities that take place during the school year – special lunches, popcorn/jelly days, bingo night, school concert. This year ESSPA have agreed to support the school ICT provision and are aiming to raise \$35, 000 for another set of ipads for the students.

JIS Community Art Literacy Programme – The first meeting for this group will be on Thursday 26th October at 7pm. Many thanks to those parents who have shown an interest to join in with this new initiative from Annette De Their. If you have some interest and time to get involved but have not replied, please get in touch with Annette De Their on: a-dethier@jis.edu.hk .

JIS library update – parental support and loan service information

Starting this week from 10th October, the PARENT LIBRARY SESSION started again. Every Tuesday afternoons at 1.00 - 3.15, parents/guardians are invited to have a quiet and relaxing time at the library. Parents can also enjoy the privilege of taking home books (both from our Parent Resource and General collections) by applying for their own PARENT LIBRARY CARD. For more info, please send an email to Cong at library@es.jis.edu.hk.



BOX of HOPE – JIS appeal for Christmas 2017

This year ESSPA in conjunction with the students of the school will be joining the 'Box of Hope' appeal as our festive or Christmas appeal. "Wow that's early" I hear you cry.....BUT: Boxes need to be handed in to school during the first week of November 2017, to be delivered for Christmas.

What is Box of Hope?

Box of Hope is an annual charity project that aims at providing underprivileged children in Asia with boxes of useful and educational gifts. This project began in 2008 when two parents wanted to teach their children about the beauty of giving. In their first year they collected 1,200 boxes, and every year since then they were able to collect even more boxes and reach more children. With their continued efforts and support from Hong Kong families, last year Box of Hope collected 21,000 boxes. That's 21,000 more happy children! This year, you too can get involved and help bring a smile to these children.



What to put in a box?



The students need to decide gender and what age range they are creating a box for; eg. it could be a girl of around 6 years old or a boy of 10 years old. Then add to your box some simple gifts, new items and good quality upcycled goods that can give someone a real surprise and bring happiness for the festive season. Decorate the box to your own design – BUT DO NOT SEAL IT. The boxes have to be openable by customs etc. when they travel.

Please get creative and join in the appeal – boxes to be returned to JIS in early November.

Dates for the week ahead:

Monday 16th: P2 at Tai Po Kau Country Park - afternoon

Tuesday 17th: SKIP teachers visiting JIS - afternoon

Wednesday 18th: Reception Class at Clearwater Bay beach- all day

-P6 HK Science Museum – a.m.

-Football tournament at Harrow International School

Thursday 19th: Rugby trials at lunchtime

Friday 20th:

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend.

Simon Walton

Principal